



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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President's Notes

Are you like me and still depend on that wall calendar to keep track of daily doings? As I write this it is July, but I am poised to flip the calendar to August, when we will have our first in-person Board meeting in over a year. It is so exciting to slowly resume our normal activities!



One more flip of the calendar and we are in September and can look forward to the *Day at the Races* at Arlington Park on September 9. Unfortunately, this will be the last one, but we'll forget that fact for the day and have a fun time of fellowship and watching those beautiful horses. I hope you are able to join us.

Another flip and we are in October, month of the State Biennial IRTA Convention in Springfield. This is planned to be held on the 18th & 19th of October at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. The deadline for registration is September 15. More details are in this newsletter.



Two more flips brings us to December and our proposed Holiday Luncheon at the Inverness Golf Club set for Friday, December 3. This is always a highlight and something to look forward to.

So, as we continue on this roller coaster of life, enjoy our newsletter and please stay well.

Jane McCauley

Upcoming Events 2021

2021 Day at the Races

(Arlington Park Race Course)

Thursday, September 9, 2021



2021 IRTA Biennial State Convention

(Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL)

Monday-Tuesday, October 18-19, 2021



Bob Lyons' TRS Report:



I have talked to both of the retired teachers that are members of the TRS Pension Board, Larry Pfeiffer and Doug Strand, and after interviewing other candidates, they and the rest of Board in the end decided that the current acting executive director, Stan Rupnik, was the best choice.

I completely agree. Rupnik had served as acting director when I was a member of the Board and we offered him the position then, but he turned it down because he wanted to remain the head of investments for the system. He will have both responsibilities going forward and I think he has the ability to carry out the responsibilities required completely.

Bob Lyons *Region 3 Director
Retired Annuitant Trustee*

STANLEY RUPNIK NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

The Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees today named **R. Stanley Rupnik**, an 18-year veteran of the System, as the new TRS Executive Director / Chief Investment Officer.

Rupnik has served as acting executive director since August of 2020 while retaining his previous role as CIO. He joined TRS from the private sector in April 2003 as director of investments and was named CIO in November of 2004. He previously served TRS as acting executive director between 2009 and 2011. His selection by the Board concludes a nationwide search for a new leader at TRS, which is the 40th largest public pension system in the United States.

"We as a Board feel very comfortable with the way Stan has managed this wonderful institution," said TRS Board President Devon Bruce. "You have done a great job in the last year and will continue to do so."

"I believe strongly in the staff we have at TRS," Director Rupnik said. "The last year has been extremely challenging for them in a number of ways. Their professionalism and dedication in the face of rapidly changing circumstances has been inspiring. They are the reason I decided to pursue this position on a permanent basis.

"Our mission is vitally important to educators in every part of Illinois as well as to the overall economic health of the state," he added. "I want to keep moving TRS forward."

Service to the System's 427,000 members remains the highest priority. An average of \$586 million in benefits is distributed in full and on time every month. Each week, staff handles approximately 2,300 phone calls and 680 emails from members and schedules 160 one-on-one counseling appointments.

In recent months, assets in the TRS Investment Portfolio have reached record levels, taking advantage of a surging national economy that broke free of last year's COVID-19 downturn. As of May 31, TRS managed assets totaling \$62.2 billion – a record for the System and a 23.1 percent increase in assets in the last year. TRS held \$50.5 billion at the end of May last year and closed fiscal year 2020 with \$52.3 billion.

Through March 31 – the end of the January-March quarter for FY 2021 – the TRS portfolio recorded a positive 16.4 percent investment return, net of fees. For the 12-month period that ended in March, TRS performance was a positive 24.3 percent, net of fees.

In the last five years, the total assets in the TRS portfolio managed by Minority and Women Business Enterprises has increased from \$8.2 billion to \$14.5 billion. In each of the last five years, TRS has exceeded its annual aspirational goal to have 20 percent of total assets managed by MWBE firms. Currently, TRS commitments to MWBE firms total \$14.5 billion, or 24.3 percent of the System's total \$59.5 billion portfolio.

Director Rupnik holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A native of Springfield, he lives in the Capitol City with his wife Kristen and their two daughters.

May 5, 2021 Zoom Board Mtg



June 2, 2021 Zoom Board Mtg



Excerpt from IRTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING (July 9, 2021)

Constitution Committee:

Bill Funkhouser explained the proposed changes to the IRTA Constitution that the committee approved. These were all from the Executive Board as there were no new proposed changes submitted by members.

1. Article VI - Meetings, Section 1. A. Proposed Change:

All members will vote for officers and constitutional amendments prior to the biennial convention.

2. Article IX - Committees, Section 3. A. Proposed Change:

The Legislative Committee shall consist of 9 members and a chair; 3 members from Areas 1 & 2; 3 members from Area 3 & 4; and 3 members from Areas 5 & 6.

The Membership Committee shall consist of the chair and one (1) voting member from each region.

3. Article IX - Committees, Section 3. A. Proposed Change:

The Membership Committee shall consist of 6 members and a chair: 2 members from Areas 1 & 2; 2 members from Areas 3 & 4; and 2 members from Areas 5 & 6.

The Legislative Committee shall consist of the chair and one (1) voting member from each region. (This last sentence would be struck if the previous proposed change is passed)

4. Article IX - Committees, Section 1. Proposed Change:

Remove Information Services as a Standing Committee.

5. Article IX - Committees, Section 1. Proposed Change:

Add Nominations as a Standing Committee.



Excerpt from IRTA CONVENTION COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING (July 20, 2021)

Jim Bachman explained to the Committee that the Association could be involved in a lawsuit against the Governor's Office and TRS due to a recertified amount for the state contribution to the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund. The amount was approximately \$40 million less than previously certified. The recertification was requested by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. IRTA and our attorney believe this recertification is illegal. Andy Manar of the Governor's Office and Stan Rubnik, TRS Executive Director would be involved in the lawsuit if filed. Since there are five Constitutional change proposals, discussion and explanation could take more time than currently allotted. Adding additional time for the review of the Constitutional changes on the agenda as well as more time in the Area Caucuses would be beneficial. Removing the Keynote Speaker from the agenda would free up time to address the Constitutional changes.

A motion was made by Bill Funkhouser to eliminate the Keynote Speaker from the Convention. Bob Pinkerton

Janette Wanner's Membership Report



Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban) is one of the 93 Units of IRTA in Illinois.

We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have **670 members** in Unit 90, but only **591** of those are members of the State IRTA.

We currently have **233 life members**.

We now also have a Unit 90 Life Membership available for \$100 (or for **free, if you're 90 or older**).

The State IRTA and the Unit 90 memberships are separate.

Membership forms for both can be found on our webpage: irta-unit90.org.

You should join both!

Help

We Don't Have a Current Address for these Unit 90 Life Members - **Do you know them???**

Evelyn M Smith formerly at 1079 E Wilson St Apt 3213, Batavia, IL

Eleanore K Wallace, formerly at 590 Central Dr Apt A10, Southern Pines, NC

(as of 8/1/2021)

Our Most Senior Members

Last Name	First Name	Unit 90 Member	Age
1 Dolejs	Constance O	Life	90
2 Mueller	Paul N	Life	90
3 Jackson	Anne M	Life	91
4 Jahnke	Brita Ann	Life	91
5 Hoke	Laurel A	Life	93
6 Maki	William R	Life	93
7 Boesel	Robert G	Life	94
8 Reader	Thomas P	Life	94
9 Norman	Courtney F	Life	95
10 Stitt	Mary M	Life	96
11 Attis	Russell R	Life	97
12 Smith	Evelyn M	Life	97
13 Stahnke	Vernon E	Life	97
14 Wallace	Eleanore K	Life	97
15 Meiller	Clydella B	Life	103

Unit 90 Members Who Died Recently

Len Burt	(July 2021)
Brad Sims	(June 2021)
Walter Bachir	(June 2021)
Katherine Sherman	(June 2021)
Judith Segal	(June 2021)
Ann Treppa	(April 2021)
David Buchheit	(April 2021)
Robert Ingraham	(March 2021)
Elwood Hughes	(March 2021)
Lois Brothers	(Feb. 2021)
Grant Blaney	(Feb. 2021)
Kathleen M Ferguson	(Jan. 2021)
Carl F Flaks	(Dec. 2020)
Robert Cassidy	(Dec. 2020)

Carolyn White: Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed for the **District 214 Education Foundation Golf Open** on Mon., Sept. 13 at Rolling Green Country Club. Volunteers are needed for set up: 9:30 - 10:30, check in/registration: 10:30 - 12:00, on-course: 12:00 - 4:30, and reception: 4:00 - 6:00. If interested, contact Brooke Snell at Brooke.snell@d214.org

Read to Learn is looking for volunteers for one-to-one tutoring of adults learning English. New tutors must attend the training session on Sat., August 21 from 9 am - 12 noon at Forest View Education Center. Classes are held at various sites throughout the District 211/District 214 area. Morning classes are from 9:30 - 12:00, the afternoon class is from 12:30 - 3:00 and evening classes run from 7:00 - 9:30. Each session is for 10 weeks; fall classes begin somewhere between Sept. 8 - 14 and end between Nov., 10 - Dec, 2, depending on the site. For more information, go to <https://www.ce.d214.org/readtolearn> or call 847-718-7724.

CHiL is a volunteer-based after school program that provides social and emotional support coupled with homework help to low-income middle school students in Wheeling District 21. Under the direction of program staff, volunteer mentors will foster socialization among a small group of students, facilitate social and emotional learning activities and help students complete schoolwork. CHiL will take place on-line and at Cooper, Holmes and London Middle Schools. The program will begin in late Sept. and go through March. Volunteer mentors are needed Mon. - Thurs., from 3:30 - 5:15.

Lunch Buddies is a program at Jane Addams Elementary School in Palatine where the volunteer works with high needs 4 - 6 graders to improve their math and reading skills. Lunch Buddies will begin in early Oct. and go through mid-May. Volunteers are needed Mon., Tues. and Thurs. from 11:30 - 12:30.

For both CHiL and Lunch Buddies, volunteers choose one day per week. There will be mandatory orientation/training and the volunteer must undergo a background check. If interested, contact Jess Park at jess@handsonsuburbanchicago.org

The Kenneth Young Center is looking for drivers for Home Delivered Meals. They are planning to resume their pre-pandemic five days per week delivery schedule so there are routes available. They are also looking for substitute drivers. Usually routes take from 11 am to 1 pm. Contact: Colette Young, (847) 524-8800, ext. 182, colettesy@kennethyoung.org

Also looking for **Meals on Wheels** drivers:
Des Plaines Frisbie Senior Center - <http://www.frisbieseniorcenter.org>

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Reasons to Volunteer Post Pandemic

It Helps You Learn

Just like volunteering can help you learn your way around an organization, it teaches you about the most important advocacy issues. You will more deeply connect with all advocacy, philanthropic and political challenges now needed to overcome.

Mental and Physical Health

Volunteering lowers depression, experts say is a fact. Working with fellow members on an IRTA committee can help remedy feelings of isolation. Demonstrating kindness towards others by volunteering on the Foundation they say is clinically proven to increase self-esteem and feelings of purpose.

Teaches New Skills

Volunteering in any capacity always involves multiple areas of personal growth. Volunteering is a team effort. Other volunteers come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. Volunteers learn and better appreciate individuals outside their immediate circle of friends and family. Volunteer tasks also cultivate your time management and creativity.

Learning the Real You

Volunteering often places you metaphorically in different shoes where you witness situations from a new perspective. It is possible volunteering can help you realize what is really important for your life, and help you clarify the next steps in your retirement.

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\$18-\$22/hr

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- Be 21 years or older
- Pass a background check
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<https://www.irtaonline.org/benefits>

Save the Dates:

IRTA Convention

October 18-19, 2021

Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL

Click the link below to register

[Register for IRTA Convention](#)

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.



As the last season for the Arlington Racetrack is drawing to a close, IRTA-Unit 90 (DAY AT THE RACES) has a few tickets available for the Arlington International Racetrack for Thursday September 9, 2021.

[Click here for info](#)

If interested, please call ahead to confirm that tickets are still available.

Linda Wagner (847) 207- 2045



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